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In re Application of : Ben-Zion DOLITZKY, Ofer REANY and Jenny SHAMMAI
Serial No. : 10/606,403
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For : NOVEL PROCESS FOR PREPARING AND ISOLATING RAC-
BICALUTAMIDE AND ITS INTERMEDIATES
Art Unit : 1621
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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In complete response to the Final Office Action of March 3, 2005, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as shown below. The response due date to the Final Office Action has been extended three months with the Petition for Extension of Time attached. Applicants request that the Final Office Action be reconsidered in light of the Amendments and Remarks filed herewith and a Request for Continued Examination attached.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Withdrawal of the obviousness rejections is requested.

Obviousness Type Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants respectfully traverse the obviousness type double patenting rejection of claims 34-37 over claims 1-7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,797,843 (hereinafter US '843) in view of Ekwuribe et al (US '692) or Keil et al. However, to advance prosecution, a terminal disclaimer would be filed if at least one of other claims is found to be allowable. Applicants request that the obviousness type double patenting rejection be held in abeyance.

In the event that this Amendment is deemed not timely, applicants petition for an appropriate extension to time. The petition fee, and any other fees that may be required in relation to this Amendment, can be charged to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned in the event that there remains any minor issues that can be resolved with a telephone interview.

Respectfully Submitted,

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